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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved

Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Agency's (RHS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER], to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Outen, Community Programs, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers".

OMB Number: 0575-0093.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 2016

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1983) requires the Agencies to "graduate" their direct loan borrowers to other credit when they are able to do so. Graduation is required because the Government loans are not to be extended beyond a borrower's need for subsidized rates or Government credit. Borrowers must refinance their direct Government loan when other credit becomes available at reasonable rates and terms. If other credit is not available, the Agencies will continue to review the account for

possible graduation at periodic intervals. The information collected to carry out these statutory mandates is financial data such as amount of income, operating expenses, asset values and liabilities. This information collection is then submitted by the Agencies to private creditors.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Public bodies, Not for Profits, or Indian Tribes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 256

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 266

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 522

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0040.

*Comments:*

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 13, 2016.

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Tony Hernandez,  
Administrator,  
Rural Housing Service.

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